

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Claim Objections

These objections have been addressed by:

- a. amending claims 4, 6, 7, 10-20, and 24 to delete the reference numerals, thereby overcoming the objection in item 1 on page 2 of the Official Action; and
- b. amending claims 3-21 and 23 by changing “storage/discharge device” to –charge/discharge device–, as suggested in item 2 on page 2 of the Official Action.

2. Rejection of Claims 1 and 2 Under 35 USC §103(a)

This rejection has been rendered **moot** by the incorporation of the subject matter of claims 2 and 3 into claim 1.

It is noted that combined claims 1-3 lacks the limitation, included in original claim 3, that the low impedance materials are “where needed different from those low impedance structure disclosed in the foregoing in respect of its exteriority.” This omission should have no effect on the patentability of combined claims 1-3 since there is no reason why the “polarity electrode board” cannot be the made of the same material(s) as the structures recited in original claims 1 and 2, so long as the side of the impedance board forms the claimed specific low impedance current input/output structure.

Having thus overcome each of the sole rejection made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejection and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

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Should the Examiner feel that issues remain that could possibly be resolved in a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time to arrange such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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